THE NEXT MORNING, THE HALESH FAMILY
MR HALESH, DO YOU KNOW A GODDESS NAMED FORMIALIKA?
...WHO'S THAT?
IT SEEMS TO BE THE MAIN GOD, OR RATHER THE GOD CORRESPONDING TO THE CREATOR.
THE LEVEL OF RECOGNITION IS LOWER THAN I EXPECTED...
IF I SUDDENLY START WORSHIPING AN UNKNOWN GOD,
I'LL PROBABLY BE REJECTED BY THOSE AROUND ME
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT I MIGHT BE SEEN AS A SENSELESS CHUUNIBYOU.
OR AS A FOLLOWER OF A DANGEROUS RELIGIOUS GROUP.
NOBLES MIGHT KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING, YOU KNOW?
TO A CERTAIN DEGREE, THOSE WITH HIGH STATUS
ARE OBLIGATED TO MAKE DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH.
PRINCE TILRAIN?
I DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH HIM
BUT I'LL ASK SINCE I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE
SPEAKING OF HIS HIGHNESS,
IT SEEMS THAT A LARGE AMOUNT OF RESIDENCY FEE WAS PAID TO THE PREVIOUS LORD, RIGHT?
ACCORDING TO POWELL-SAMA, IT APPEARS THAT THE NUMBER OF LUXURY WORKS OF ART IN HIS POSSESSIONS INCREASED.
WHEN I ASKED HIM ABOUT IT, HE SAID, "IT'S A NOBLE'S PRIVILEGE TO ENJOY ART!" AND SWAGGERED ME INSTEAD.
THE MORE I HEAR, THE WORSE IT IS FOR THE VILLAGE.
AND SINCE THERE'S A POWERFUL PERSON AROUND HERE,
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
SHIN-CHAN, I HAVE THIS UNEASY FEELING.
IS IT MY IMAGINATION OR??
SHIINNN!!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
DID YOU THINK YOU'D BE ABLE TO HUG ME?
SIGH...
IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO GET DEPRESSED OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
NO...
POWELL AND BOWMAN HAVE BEEN FIGHTING A LOT LATELY.
THE AIR IN THE MANSION IS TERRIBLE.
IT'S BECAUSE OF THE MONEY SPENDING
MONEY?! THIS PLACE IS POOR, ISN'T IT?
WHEN DID HE HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY TO SPEND?!
YOUR HIGHNESS'S STAY.
...MINE?
YES,
YOU MAY HAVE MADE A MISTAKE, BUT YOU'RE STILL IN THE ROYAL REGISTER, AREN'T YOU?
HMM, YES.
MASTER BOWMAN USED YOU TO
BUY WORTHLESS PIECES OF ART.
ART PIECES... IT WAS DEFINITELY IN THE MANSION.
I THINK I SAW A REALLY FLASHY AND VULGAR CERAMIC DOLL.
HE SAID IT WAS MADE BY KARENJAC TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.
FIRST OF ALL, THE SKIN IS ROUGH, THE COLOR IS DULL, AND IT'S MONOTONOUS.
ALSO, THE ESSENCE OF KARENJAC'S DOLL IS THAT IT HAS ENIGMATIC GLAZE, HOWEVER...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT WAS A LOW-QUALITY FORGERY.
YOU'RE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THIS.
I LOVE BEAUTIFUL THINGS!
I'M GOOD AT DRAWING!
THERE'S EVEN A PORTRAIT OF CINDYD IN THE CAPITAL!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHEN I GET THE CHANCE!
CINDYD?
SHIN, MY BEST FRIEND WITH BIG BLACK EYES-
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU...!
OKAY, OKAY. PUTTING THAT ASIDE...
MASTER BOWMAN, WHO USED UP SO MUCH MONEY,
SHOULDN'T WE GET HIM OUT OF THIS TERRITORY, QUICKLY?
OR IS THERE A WAY TO CHARGE HIM WITH A CRIME?
HE WANTED MONEY, AND BECAU-SE OF THAT HE TOOK CARE OF THE PRINCE.
THREW THE SEEDS OF A CYCLONE INTO A PEACEFUL VILLAGE.
THE MASTERMIND BEHIND ALL OF THIS, BOWMAN.
HMM...
NOBLES AND COMMONERS JUDGE EACH OTHER DIFFERENTLY.
ISN'T HIS HIGHNESS GOING TO GET ANGRY?!
MASTER BOWMAN EMBEZZLED THE ROYAL FUNDS!
HONESTLY, I'M NOT IN A GOOD MOOD BUT,
I LIKE THIS VILLAGE A LOT.
KNOWING IRENE, SHE WAS TREATED AS AN OUTCAST IN THE CAPITAL.
THERE WAS NO ONE WHO WOULD TALK TO ME AS CASUALLY AS SHIN OR THE KIDS IN THAT PLACE.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT. YOU CAN'T DO THIS.
BUT HERE, WE'RE MORE FREE THAN EVER.
WE CAN RELAX AS MUCH AS WE WANT...!
IF YOU HAVE THE TIME TO BE OPEN-MINDED...
PLEASE WRITE A LETTER OF APOLOGY TO EVERYONE WHO YOU CAUSED TROUBLE TO.
UGH... FINE...
IF YOU DO IT RIGHT, I'LL TAKE YOU HUNTING.
REALLY?!
YAY! I'LL DO MY BEST TO WRITE IT!
PLEASE CONVEY IN THE LETTER THAT,
HIS HIGHNESS WAS SECRETLY UNDER HOUSE ARREST BY MR BOWMAN AND,
HE WAS EMBEZZLING THE LIVING EXPENSES.
IF THERE ARE LAWS FOR NOBLES, THEN HE SHOULD BE ARRESTED ACCORDING TO THOSE LAWS
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO TELL HIM THAT MASTER POWELL HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
YES. POWELL HAS BEEN BOWING TO ME THE WHOLE TIME.
I FIGURED THIS WOULD HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER.
THE CURRENT LORD IS MASTER POWELL, AFTER ALL.
I NEED TO MAKE SURE MASTER BOWMAN DOESN'T FRAME HIM.
IT WOULD BE A NIGHTMARE IF MASTER POWELL WAS REPLACED AND MASTER BOWMAN, THE THIEF, REMAINED.
HIS HIGHNESS MIGHT GO BACK TO HOUSE ARREST, TOO, YOU KNOW?
TH-THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM!
THEN PLEASE WRITE IT DOWN TO THOSE WHO SEEM TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IT.
YOUR PARENTS AND LADY VICTORIA SEEM TO BE VERY STRICT ABOUT THE CUSTOMS OF THE NOBILITY.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.
LET'S TRY IT!
IF THE FACT THAT A ROYALTY'S STAY WAS DISTURBED BY SUCH FORMER LORD COMES TO LIGHT,
THE COUNTRY DEFINITELY CAN'T OVERLOOK THIS.
IF IT GOES WELL, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE THE PRINCE BACK
AND NOT LEAVE HIM BEHIND IN THIS VILLAGE.
OH, BY THE WAY!
I FORGOT TO ASK ABOUT MY ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE, FORMIA!!
EVEN IF HIS HIGHNESS KNEW,
IT WOULDN'T INCREASE THE POPULARITY OF FORMIALKA...
HMM...
HOW DO I GET THE VILLAGERS TO TALK ABOUT THE SHRINE?
I WONDER IF THE PEOPLE HERE WILL ACCEPT HER IF I TELL THEM SINCERELY...
HM?
FROM THE OUTSIDE?

THEY HAD A SUBJUGATION REQUEST AT THE GUILD ABOUT THIS...
GOBLIN MONKEY!!
THEY RAVAGE THE CROPS IN THE VILLAGE'S FIELDS .
IT WAS WRITTEN IN THE REQUEST FORM THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE ATTACKED.
BAH!
TO PREVENT ANY MORE DAMAGE
I'LL MAKE SURE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM HERE!
I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY!
ALMOST ALL OF IT IS GONE
THE DRIED MEAT AND WILD GRAPES THAT WERE HERE.
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE EMERGENCY FOOD FOR THE VILLAGE
COMRADES!?
THERE'S ONLY ONE LEFT!
IT'S CLEARLY BIGGER THAN THE OTHERS.
SO THIS IS THE BOSS!
IF I MISS, IM GOING TO GET KILLED.
I HAVE TO END THIS IN ONE SHOT
NOT YET.
CLOSE THE DISTANCE.
THIS IS WHAT YOU DESERVE,
FOR THREATENING THE VILLAGER'S LIVES AND EATING THE PRECIOUS EMERGENCY FOOD!!
YES!!
TANIKI VILLAGE GUILD
THEY PISS ME OFF, SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THEM WHERE I CAN'T SEE THEM.
I'LL COME GET THE REWARD TOMORROW.
THIS BIG ONE ISN'T A GOBLIN MONKEY.
BUT A KILLER APE...
SO MANY MONSTERS
WELL, WITH THAT, HE DEFINITELY IS, GOING TO GET PROMOTED TO RANK F.
WELL, I'LL BE GOING NOW.
YEAH, THAT'S DEFINITELY A KILLER APE.
IF YOU SINGLE-HANDEDLY SUBJUGATED THESE GUYS, YOU WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO A C OR D RANK, YOU KNOW?
...SHIN, I THOUGHT YOU WERE SKILLED, BUT I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE THIS GOOD
YEAH, I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THAT FOR A WHILE NOW.
COULD HE BE A SKILL HOLDER...?
IF THAT'S THE CASE
WE'LL NEED TO REPORT TO THE CAPITAL.
STOP! SHIN'S SKILLS HAVE BEEN EXPOSED IN THE GUILD STAFF REPORT, BUT IF HE CAN OVERCOME THIS, THEN THERE WILL STILL BE HOPE. HIS LIFE AND HIS DESIRE TO LIVE QUIETLY WILL BE IN VAIN IF HIS SPIRIT BURNS OUT! CAN HE CONTINUE ON?